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SUMMARY FOR 25/1700 TO 26/1700Z AUGUST 1972 (ALL TIMES ZULU)  
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PART ONE, HIGHLIGHTS A. SUMMARY 1. SOVIET AN-12 ARRIVES AND DEPARTS HANOI. 2. U.S. BUFFALO HUNTER DRONE PROBABLY SHOT DOWN BY NVAF MIG-17. 3. NVN AIR/AIR DEFENSE REACTION TO U.S. STRIKES OVER NVN, 26 AUGUST. D. DETAILS 1. BETWEEN #856 AND 1416, ONE SOVIET AN-12/11107 FLEW FROM VIENTIANE TO HANOI GIA LAM TO CALCUTTA. THE AIRCRAFT CARRIED SEVEN PASSENGERS INTO HANOI. THIS IS ONE OF SIX SOVIET FLIGHTS SCHEDULED TO FLY TO HANOI FROM USSR. ACCORDING TO COLLATERAL THESE FLIGHTS ARE TO CARRY MEDICAL SUPPLIES AND SOVIET TROOP TRANSFERS. (2700/RUCV/R7-72, 132010Z AND FOLLOW UPS). 2. BETWEEN #622 AND #645, TWO NVAF MIG-17S FROM HANOI GIA LAM ENGAGED A U.S. DRONE OPERATING SOUTHEAST OF HANOI. THE DRONE ENTERED THE HANOI GIA LAM AREA AT #632 AND THE MIGS BEGAN THEIR ATTACK AT #635. AT #637 ONE OF THE MIGS WAS AGAIN NOTED ATTACKING THE DRONE. THE MIGS WERE ORDERED TO BREAK AWAY AT #638 AND LANDED AT HANOI GIA LAM BY #645. ACCORDING TO COLLATERAL, THE DRONE WAS LST AT #637. 3. BETWEEN 2120 ON 25 AUGUST AND 1623 ON 26 AUGUST, NVN AIR SURVEILLANCE FACILITIES WERE NOTED TRACKING A MINIMUM OF 136 HOSTILE AIRCRAFT OVER NVN. THESE AIRCRAFT WERE TRACKED IN THE AREAS OF NAM DINH, HANOI, HATPHONG, PHUC YEN, HANOI, GIAO GIAP, KEP AND THANH HOA. THESE AIRCRAFT WERE ALSO TRACKED DURING THEIR ENTRIES AND EXITS OF NVN AIR SPACE OVER LAOS AND THE GULF OF TONKIN. BETWEEN #306 AND #351, FOUR MIG-21S STAGED FROM PHUC YEN IN REACTION TO U.S. AIRCRAFT. IN AN ENGAGEMENT... OVER LAOS SOUTHWEST OF MOC CHAU, ONE U.S. F-4 WAS SHOT DOWN. LATER AT #344 ONE MIG-21 PILOT WAS NOTED BAILING OUT AND THE OTHER THREE MIGS RECOVERED AT KEP, KIEN AN AND PHUC YEN. BETWEEN 1010 AND 1030 TWO MIG-21S PROBABLY FROM HANOI GIA LAM ATTEMPTED TO INTERCEPT U.S. AIRCRAFT 30 NMS SOUTH OF HANOI. THE MIGS WERE FIRED UPON BUT BOTH AIRCRAFT RECOVERED SAFELY AT HANOI GIA LAM. BETWEEN #347 AND #359, AN UNIDENTIFIED SAM UNIT IN THE HANOI AREA WAS TRACKING HOSTILE AIRCRAFT AND HAS ORDERED TO DESTROY THE TARGETS. NO FIRINGS WERE NOTED. AT #404 AN UNIDENTIFIED SAM UNIT IN THE HANOI AREA FIRED ONE MISSILE. AT #412 AN UNIDENTIFIED SAM UNIT IN THE XUAN MAY AREA LAUNCHED TWO MISSILES THAT SELF DESTRUCTED. BETWEEN #423 AND #429, SAM SITES IN THE HANOI AND XUAN MAY AREAS WERE IN CONDITION ONE. BETWEEN #523 AND #527 AN UNIDENTIFIED SAM SITE SOUTHEAST OF HANOI ENTERED CONDITION ONE AND REFERENCE WAS MADE TO A TARGET 20NMS FROM HANOI. PART TWO, ROUTINE ACTIVITY A. AIR ACTIVITY 1. STRIP ALERTS DURING THE 2100, 2200, AND 2300 HOURS, FIVE MIG-21 PILOTS AT PHUC YEN AND ONE MIG-21 AND TWO MIG-17 PILOTS AT GIA LAM WERE ON STRIP ALERT. AT #035 ONE MIG-17 PILOT AT GIA LAM AND ONE MIG-19 PILOT AT YEN BAI WERE ON STRIP ALERT. THE SAM MIG-19

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PILOT WAS ON STRIP ALERT AGAIN AT 0257. ONE PROBABLE MIG-17 PILOT AT GIA LAM AND ONE MIG-21 AT PHUC YEN WERE ON STRIP ALERT DURING THE 1100 AND 1200 HOURS RESPECTIVELY. 2. PHUC YEN FIGHTERS BETWEEN 2340 AND 0002, FOUR MIG-21S ENGAGED IN UNIDENTIFIED ACTIVITY AND BETWEEN 0036 AND 0050, ONE MIG-21 PFM PILOT FLEW A WEATHER RECONNAISSANCE FLIGHT. TWO MIG-21S WERE ONLY NOTED LANDING, ONE AT 0158 AND ONE AT 0211. TWO MIG-21 PILOTS CONDUCTED PRACTICE GROUND CONTROLLED INTERCEPTS DURING THE 1300 HOUR, AND TWO MIG-21S CONDUCTED UNIDENTIFIED ACTIVITY DURING THE 1400 HOUR. XXHH 900 #3541 NNNN

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